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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SENATE COMMITTEE VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: JIDDA 4696

1. YOU MAY INFORM SAG OF SENATORIAL GROUP VISIT TO BERBERA AND STATE THAT GROUP WOULD BE WILLING, IF SAG WISHES, TO STOP OVER BRIEFLY IN JIDDA AFTER DEPARTING SOMALIA. GROUP WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH SAG OFFICIALS IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON OF JULY 5.
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2. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT SENATORIAL GROUP WILL BE VISITING BERBERA AT INVITATION OF GSDR. GROUP COULD VISIT SAUDI ARABIA IF SAG IS INTERESTED IN HEARING FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT DIRECTLY FROM THE GROUP, IN LIGHT OF SAG'S CONSIDERABLE

INTEREST IN SOVIET ACTIVITIES AT BERBERA, HAVING IN MIND
ALSO SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS EMBASSY HAS HAD WITH SAUDI
OFFICIALS ON THE SUBJECT. YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WE
ARE NOT REPEAT NOT PRESSING SAG TO RECEIVE SENATORIAL GROUP
BUT ARE OFFERING OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH GROUP AS A
COURTESY DUE TO CLOSE FRIEND. THIS SHOULD BE PLAYED
ESSENTIALLY AS MATTER OF COURTESY AND DONE IN VERY LOW KEY.

3. FYI: WE DOUBT SAUDI WILL WANT BERBERA TRIP LINKED TO
SAUDI TRIP,BUT IT'S UP TO THEM TO DECIDE. END FYI.

4. IF SAG WISHES VISIT, WE WILL HAVE TO ACT VERY
EXPEDITIOUSLY TO OBTAIN VISAS FOR ALL U.S. PARTY AND CREW.
IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR SAG TO INSTRUCT SAUDI EMBASSY
HERE TO ISSUE VISAS IMMEDIATELY TO ALL THOSE CERTIFIED BY
DEPARTMENT TO BE MEMBERS OF PARTY OR CREW. ALTERNATIVE
WOULD BE FOR SAG TO WAIVE VISA REQUIREMENT.

4. ESSENTIAL THAT WE HAVE EARLIEST RESPONSE. INGERSOLL

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